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LCO No. 2225

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DATA BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 (a) The Department of Public Health shall be the lead agency for
4 public health planning and shall assist communities in the
5 development of collaborative health planning activities which address
6 public health issues on a regional basis or which respond to public
7 health needs having state-wide significance. The department shall
8 prepare a multiyear state health plan which will provide an
9 assessment of the health of Connecticut's population and the
10 availability of health facilities. The plan shall include: (1) Policy
11 recommendations regarding allocation of resources; (2) public health
12 priorities; (3) quantitative goals and objectives with respect to the
13 appropriate supply, distribution and organization of public health
14 resources; and (4) evaluation of the implications of new technology for
15 the organization, delivery and equitable distribution of services. In the
16 development of the plan the department shall consider the

17 recommendations of any advisory bodies which may be established by
18 the commissioner.

19 (b) For the purposes of establishing a state health plan as required
20 by subsection (a) of this section and consistent with state and federal
21 law on patient records, the department is entitled to access (1) hospital
22 discharge data, (2) emergency room and ambulatory surgery
23 encounter data, (3) data on home health care agency client encounters
24 and services, (4) data from community health centers on client
25 encounters and services, (5) Medicaid data from the Department of
26 Social Services for the HUSKY Plan, Part A, HUSKY Plan, Part B, the
27 HUSKY Plus programs and fee for service, (6) all data collected or
28 compiled by the State Comptroller pursuant to section 5-259, and (7)
29 all data collected or compiled by the Office of Health Care Access
30 pursuant to section 19a-613.

31 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations in
32 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to assure the
33 confidentiality of personal data and patient-identifiable data collected
34 or compiled pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

PH ***Joint Favorable***